

VALIDATION OF THE NAME DAHLIA AUSTRALIS

Article 33, International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, 1966, states, "A new combination . . . is not validly published unless its basionym . . . is clearly indicated and a full and direct reference given to its author and original publication. . . ." Compliance with this article has proved useful in the elimination of errors and confusion. On page 378 of *Rhodora* 71 (No. 787) I proposed the new combination *Dahlia australis* failing to make reference to its basionym until two pages hence where it is given under the heading of *Dahlia australis* var. *australis*. Mr. Robert M. King noted this and suggested to me such an arrangement might *not* be in compliance with the code. I agreed that, in the manner I had presented it, the basionym was not "clearly indicated." In an effort to correct this omission, thereby avoiding further confusion and perhaps ultimate invalidation of the name, I have repeated here the essential nomenclatural details of *Dahlia australis*.

Dahlia australis (Sherff) Sorensen, comb. & stat. nov.

TYPE: MEXICO: OAXACA: Cerro de San Felipe, 2500 m., 1 Sep. 1897. *Conzatti & Gonzalez* 543 (Holotype: GH!).

Basionym: *Dahlia scapigera* var. *australis* et f. *australis* Sherff, Am. Jour. Bot. 34: 143. 1947. Type: that of *Dahlia australis* as indicated above.

For purposes of possible future competition in consideration of the rule of priority (Article 11, 1.c.), the date of publication of the name *Dahlia australis* is the publication date of this correction. (For additional notes and descriptions of *D. australis* and its infraspecific taxa, see the full treatment in *Rhodora* 71: 378 ff.)

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